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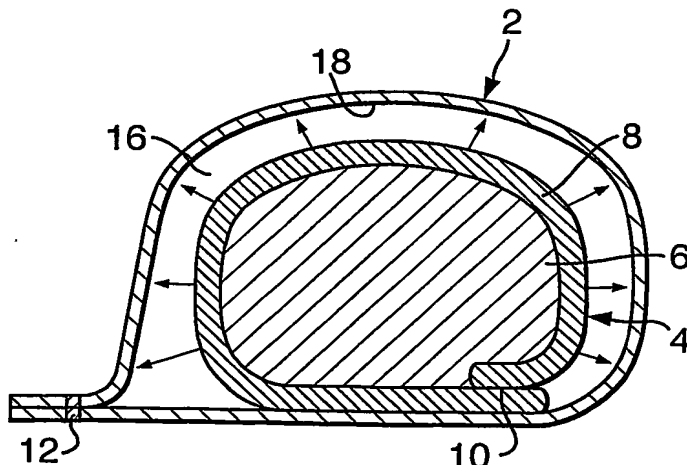
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(54) Title: MICROWAVABLE FOOD PRODUCT



(57) Abstract: A food product (4) for microwave cooking comprising a cereal dough (8) that expands on heating, the cereal dough be contained in a package (2) which is dimensioned such that there is free volume (16) within the package defined by the internal surface of the package and such that when the cereal dough is cooked by microwave heating the cereal dough expands and contacts areas (contact areas) of said internal surface so that the shape of the cooked cereal dough is defined, at least in part, by said contact areas, the package comprising susceptor material in at least some of said contact areas to cause browning and/or crisping of the cereal dough during microwave cooking.



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